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STRUCTURE, INK SUPPLY )  
SYSTEM, AND INKJET )  
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UTILIZING THE FLUID ) January 25, 2007  
COMMUNICATING SYSTEM )

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Chinese 1,370,681 and an English language abstract thereof, listed on the attached form PTO 1449, and of which copies are enclosed.

This document was cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, which is dated November 3, 2006, together with an English language translation thereof, is

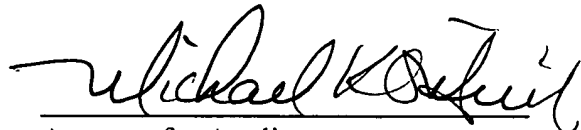
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The other document cited in the Chinese Office Action was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated March 7, 2006.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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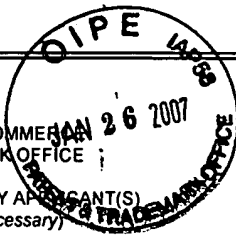
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